Seventh Section.

se (1) Man (purusha), my son, consists of sixteen parts.
Abstain from food for fifteen days, but drink as much water as
you like, for breath comes from water, and will not be cut off,
if you drink water.
11 (2) Swetaketu abstained from food for fifteen days.
Then he came to his father and said : "What shall I say?"
The father said: tt Repeat the Rik, Yajus, and Saman
Verses." He replied <c They do not occur to me. Sir."
" (3) The father said to him : " As of a great lighted
fire one coal only of the size of a firefly may be left, which
would not burn much more than this *(i.e.,* very little) thus,
my dear son, one part only of the sixteen parts (of you) is
left, and, therefore, with that one part you do not remember
the Vedas. Go and eat.
" (4) Then wilt tlion understand me." Then Swetaketu
ate and afterwards approached his father. And whatever
his father asked him, lie knew it all by heart. Then his father
said to him:
<c (5) As of a great lighted fire, one coal of the size of a
firefly, if left, may be made to blaze up a-^ain by putting
grass upon it and will thus bum more than this.

tt (6) Thus, my dear son, there was one part of the
sixteen parts left to you, that lighted up with food, burnt up»
and by it you remember now the Vedas". After that, he
understood, what his father meant when he said : " Mind,
my son. comes from food, breath from water, speech from fire.
He understood what he said, yea, he understood it."

On the theory of creation propounded by Aruni in the
preceding sections 2 to 7, I reproduce'below Sitanath Tattwa-bhushan's illuminating exposition:

" When the *Sat* thought before creation" let me become ' *many* '
the ' *many* ' were already in his thought. The *One,* indeed, has no
meaning without relation to the *many* and thought is not an abstract
unity but a unity-in "difference. Space with its relations of this and
that, of here and there, cannot be thought of except in relation to